

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of Citizens  
Telecommunications Company of California, Inc.  
(U-1024-C) dba Frontier Communications of  
California to Review its New Regulatory  
Framework.

Application 03-04-002  
(Filed April 1, 2003)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING AND SCOPING MEMO**

At a prehearing conference (PHC) held on June 3, 2003, the parties agreed that this proceeding should not move forward until the Commission issues final decisions in Rulemaking (R.) 01-09-001 and Investigation (I.) 01-09-002 regarding the New Regulatory Framework (NRF) for Pacific Bell Telephone Company (Pacific) and Verizon California Inc. (Verizon). However, Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc. dba Frontier Communications of California (Frontier) wants the issue of revisions to the reporting requirements to be addressed without delay. An additional matter is the proposal by the Commission's Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) to perform an audit of Frontier. ORA proposes that the audit be paid for by Frontier. Frontier does not object to the audit, but does not agree that it should pay for it. The parties agreed to a briefing schedule on the question of who should pay for the audit. The parties will also meet to discuss modifications to the reporting requirements, and report to the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) on the results.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1701.1(b), a scoping memo shall be issued in this proceeding.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. This application involves the request of Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc. dba Frontier Communications of California (Frontier) for review of its New Regulatory Framework (NRF).
2. The assigned Commissioner is Michael R. Peevey.
3. The assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), Jeffrey P. O'Donnell, is the principal hearing officer.
4. The category is ratesetting.
5. Hearings are needed.
6. The issues in this proceeding are all of the elements of Frontier's NRF. The issues will be further addressed in a subsequent Prehearing Conference (PHC) as discussed below.
7. Except as noted below, this proceeding will not move forward until the Commission issues final decisions in Rulemaking (R.) 01-09-001 and Investigation (I.) 01-09-002.
8. Briefs and reply briefs on the question of who should pay for the audit of Frontier are to be filed and served on July 1 and 15, 2003, respectively.
9. The parties will report to the ALJ on the results of their meetings regarding reporting requirements no later than July 1, 2003. Such report may be made orally or in writing.
10. The issues of who pays for the audit, and modifications of the reporting requirements, will be addressed in subsequent ALJ rulings, or interim decisions as necessary.
11. After the Commission issues final decisions in R.01-09-001 and I.01-09-002, the ALJ will hold a PHC to further address the schedule, issues, and any other matters necessary for the completion of this proceeding.

12. This matter is expected to conclude no later than 18 months from the latest effective date of final decisions in R.01-09-001 and R.01-09-002.

13. The schedule specified herein is subject to change by the Assigned Commissioner or the ALJ as necessary.

Dated June 16, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL R. PEEVY

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Michael R. Peevey  
Assigned Commissioner

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner's Ruling and Scoping Memo on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 16, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ HELEN FRIEDMAN  
Helen Friedman

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